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### Special ticket price offered for Saturday's football game

By Maura Wery KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State Athletic Department is featuring a discounted ticket price to students for the upcoming All-University Homecoming game against Colorado this Saturday.

Nate Warren, graduate assistant for fan experience and development, said the purpose behind this discount is to support the Wildcats, not just for a homecoming victory, but for their No. 1 standing in the Big 12 North after their win over Texas A&M last Saturday.

The tickets being sold for the game are in Section 28.

Warren said the main advantage of these tickets is convenience for students.

"For people who don't have tickets, this section is available to the general public, but it is directly next to the student section," he said. "The good thing about those is they can buy them for people coming from out of town – brothers and sisters, moms and dads, things like that and they don't require a student ID to sit in that section."

Warren said Section 28 is also available during the rest of the football season for general admission. For the upcoming games against the University of Kansas and University of Missouri, there will be special admission prices as well.

For Missouri, the tickets will be \$35, and for KU they will be \$75. Students can purchase tickets at the athletic ticket office in the southwest corner of Bramlage Coliseum or by calling 1-800-221-CATS. Tickets can also be purchased with cash only at a table in front of Wildcat Request Live tonight at Bramlage.

#### **CITY COMMISSION**

### Cell phone law debated, decision held

By Corene Brisendine KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

While no one could agree on how to move forward with a proposed traffic ordinance to ban cell phone use while driving, city commissioners agreed the issue needed further investigation and refinement. The commission decided to hold the vote on the State Traffic Ordinance for a later date.

'There is in fact not an urgency to adopt the STO at this time," said William Frost, city attorney. "If [the commission is] going to need more time, then take more time. The STOs in place now are functioning."

At the meeting Tuesday evening Katharine Jackson, assistant city attorney, presented different laws that have been implemented in other states concerning cell phones and current ordinances that cover cell phone use while driving to some

Jackson said the Manhattan inattentive driving and reckless driving ordinances can include cell phone use as a cause for those types of

prohibited driving behaviors. During public comment, Curtis Bryant, sophomore in industrial engineering, said he thought the proposed cell phone ordinance should not be accepted because the ordinances already in place cover cell phone use as a distraction.

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## Student ambassadors share thoughts on their roles

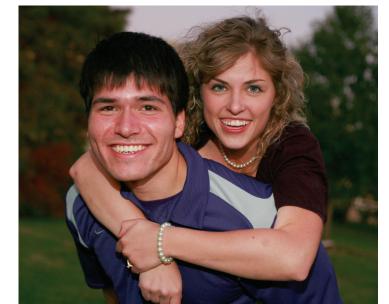
By Tim Schrag KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

At the end of every year's All-University Homecoming celebration, K-State receives a new set of student ambassadors who represent K-State to perspective students, alumni and friends of the university. The Collegian had the opportunity to visit with the 2008-2009 ambassadors, Ashley Guenther, senior in agricultural economics and agricultural communications and journalism, and Donnie Hampton, senior in management information systems and Business management, to receive some insight about their experiences.

#### Q: What is your favorite thing about being an ambassador?

Guenther: My favorite thing has truly been working with the people. I've gotten to visit with so many perspective students, alumni and friends of K-State and have gotten to really grow some relationships with some people that come from the experience of not knowing much about K-State, and now they're here and excited to be here and that has truly been the apex of my experience.

**Hampton**: There are so many things. Picking one just in particular is really tough, but I would say just working with and meeting those that have a similar passion for K-State.



Lisle Alderton | COLLEGIAN Donnie Hampton and Ashley Guenther were elected student ambassadors last fall. A new pair of ambassadors will be announced Saturday.

It's just phenomenal to me. The university has done so much for me personally and to meet others that feel the same way ... The family atmosphere – that really embodies what K-State means to me. It just makes me feel great and even more proud to be a

Q: What is the one thing that K-State has to offer that most

#### people do not know about?

Guenther: I think the biggest thing that K-State offers for its students is leadership potential opportunities, and those leadership opportunities come through student governing association, through college leadership and departmental organizations and other professional honoraries such as those. I think that those are truly phenomenal ways for students to come to K-State, grow in their

areas of studies, to leave with a better sense of how to be a leader in the industry if they

Hampton: If you're unfamiliar with K-State, I imagine back in the last ten years, if students have heard about K-State, be it in high school or other universities, they may have heard about our football traditions or this and that. The purple pride, yeah, but they don't realize, one, how great our academics are, but two, the most thing above all else is really the atmosphere where you feel cared for. You feel like you're part of something greater. I know it sounds cheesy, but it's true. The atmosphere here, it really does embody a family. It's a two-fold combination and it really makes your experience here at K-State amazing. It makes you successful later on after you get done with your college degree.

#### Q: While you were an ambassador was there anywhere special that really sticks out in your mind?

**Guenther**: Once, I got the chance to fly on the K-State jet with both Amy Button-Renz and President Kirk Schulz as well as an admissions rep, Mardell Maxwell. So, that was a really fun experience getting to know them in such an intimate atmosphere and really getting the chance to have that one-on-one interaction with them was really great.

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## Facebook friends?

## Some professors use site to reach out, others limit access

By Sheila Ellis KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A new wave of users recently pushed Facebook.com to the milestone of 300 million users.

So before students write, "OMG, this class is so boring" as a Facebook update, they might want to consider that a professor might view their sentiments.

The social networking site recently reported ages 35 to 54 as the fastest growing group of Facebook users. That number includes parents, employers and, yes, professors.

More professors are using Facebook as a way to reach out to students versus e-mail. Steve Smethers, associate professor in journalism and instructor for Mass Communications in Society, uses Facebook to update students about class.

Other professors new to Facebook are using the social networking site only for personal use, including Angela Powers, director of the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism.
"If you would have asked

me two years ago, I would have told you that Facebook is a ridiculous waste of time," Powers said. "But now, I see the benefits of social networking."

Powers, whose account was set up by her 22-year-old daughter, said it is important to keep personal and professional lives separate online.

She uses Twitter.com to update people on her professional happenings and a private Facebook account to communicate only with family, friends and close colleagues. She said she never uses names in her Twitter updates and adds and accepts few students.

Like Powers, Tim de Noble, dean of the College of Architecture, Planning and Design, joined Facebook about a year ago, but said he only adds alumni, friends



and colleagues.

Even K-State President Kirk Schulz is a regular on Facebook with almost 1,000 friends. He mostly talks about university-related events and allows access to students to view his profile.

Other faculty like Mike Holen, dean of the College of Education, said he has no plans of joining in the trend.

Holen said he sees a strong potential for problems with students and faculty becoming "friends" on Facebook.

While many professors use Facebook for more personal reasons, more and more employers are using Facebook to learn about prospective employees.

Laura Needs, assistant director of K-State Career and Employment Services, said 75 to 85 percent of employers CES has surveyed said they are reviewing Facebook pages.

"There is a huge wave of mid-career professionals getting on Facebook," she said. "It is just as popular with them now as it was with college students a few years ago when it was first introduced."

Needs said students should be extra cautious with tagged photos and content in notes, statuses and comments. She encouraged students to add a security feature that allows users to approve photo tags. She also said it is a good idea to ask friends not to post anything that is not professional.

"Even though there are ways to try to lock down a profile, sometimes there are ways information can still be viewed," Needs said.

She said many employers don't recognize that adding students as friends may be viewed as an invasion of their privacy. "Employers were actual-

ly shocked to learn students didn't want them on their Facebook," Needs said. Needs suggested Linkedin.

com as an opportunity for students to use the networking capabilities of social media in a more professional setting.

As Facebook continues to grow in popularity, many students have decided to keep their profiles clean to avoid any potential issues.

Jessica Elmore, doctoral student in educational leadership, said she regularly checks her profile for any tagged photos or profane comments others may have posted.

Elmore, who also owns her own business, said, "If someone is going to take me seriously, I can't have that type of stuff on my profile. If you don't want people to see your drunk pictures, then don't put them on Facebook."



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**STREET TALK** 

Make sure to read the **Front Page** to find out the city's ruling.

## Do you think the city should ban texting while driving?



It's going to be hard to enforce, because most people do it as they sit at stoplights. So, it's going to be hard to tell what they are doing.

> Tiffany Zawacki Junior, animal sciences and industry



Well, I am not going to like it. I text all the time, but I think its going to be a good idea. I can safely text, but others might not be able to.

> Sophomore, political science and agricultural business

9 9 Brandon West



How are they going to see it while its in my lap?

Vinny Sears



I think it is smart to ban texting while driving, because not everyone is as capable as I

**Justin Curry** 

#### Junior, computer engineering THE PLANNER

#### **CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD**

The Union Program Council will bring the "Most Trusted Stranger in America," PostSecret.com's Frank Warren, to the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom at 7 p.m. Oct. 26. Everyone is invited to anonymously contribute a secret to a campus-wide art project. Postcards will be available at Counseling Services and the UPC office. Submitted postcards will be on display in the Union on Oct. 26.

The Konza Prairie Quilters Guild is presenting the "Think Pink: Quilt Show" from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout October at the Johnson Center for Basic Cancer Research, Chalmers 001. For the event, which is in observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, enter through the courtyard on 17th Street.

Career and Employment Services is promoting Walkin Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. today in Holtz Hall. For more information, visit k-state.edu/ces.

**Rec Services** is offering Kat Kravings, a four-week program involving both nutrition and fitness, beginning today. Participants will be matched with a personal trainer and receive nutritional assessment and recommendations. Cost is \$40 for students and \$60 for Peters Recreation Complex members. Sign up in the administrative office. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Lafene Health Center has seasonal flu vaccinations available for students, faculty and staff (age 18 and older). No appointment is necessary; walk in on Thursday. Check in at Lafene's front desk. H1N1 vaccines are still not available. See Lafene's Web site for updates and more info.

Entries are being accepted for cross country and bowling intramurals in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. The cross country meet will be at 2 p.m. Sunday. Choose Nov. 1 or 8 for bowling. Sign up in the administrative office before 5 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Anyone can drop off old pairs of jeans or any cotton denim items at Peters Recreation Complex. Cotton and Habitat for Humanity turns denim into housing insulation to be used on houses they rebuild in natural disaster areas. Each person who donates will receive a Vanity coupon for 25 percent off a new pair of jeans. Pick up your coupon at the service desk in the lobby when you make your donation. The drive ends Saturday. For more information, call the office at 785-532-6980. This drive is a collaborative effort between Rec Services and K-State student members of Public Relations Student Society of America.

#### The K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan

announces the 2009 Community Service Week, which will run Oct. 24-30, and offer various sites and service projects. Students interested in volunteering can view the project descriptions and the week's events online at k-state.edu/volunteercenter. Directions for signing up will be listed on the site. In addition to the Web site, you can visit the volunteer center on Facebook.com to sign up for Community Service Week opportunities. For more information, contact Laura Cline at 785-532-3670 or userve@ksu.edu.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Sarah Rajewski at news@spub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

#### CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Freshman, electrical engineering

There was an error in the Oct. 20 issue of the Collegian.

In the pictures of Pant the Chant, the group listed as Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Sigma Phi and Phi Beta Sigma is Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Sigma Psi, Delta Tau Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha.

The Collegian regrets the error. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Raiewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail news@spub.ksu.edu.

#### DAILY BLOTTER



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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#### QUESTION OF THE DAY

Check out the **Front Page** for a story about Facebook's prominence in higher education.

Are you friends with any of your instructors on Facebook.com?

A) Yes **B)** No

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

**Tuesday's results:** Where do you swim?

**A)** The Natatorium: 46% **B)** City pools: 8% **C)** The University Crossing's pool: 21% **D)** The baby pool in my yard: 25%



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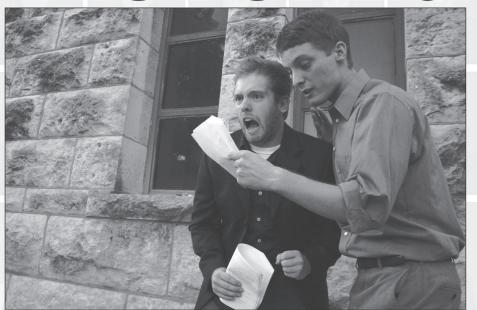


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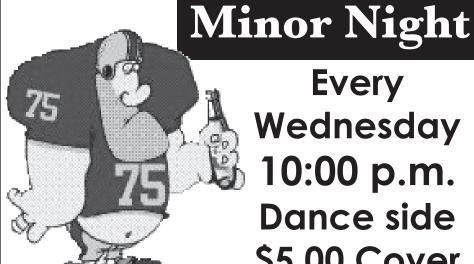
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## Book discussion allows comparison of different generations

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Manhattan Pubic Library played host to a book discussion on Ray Bradbury's "Dandelion Wine" as the final event of its annual One Book, One Community event.

One Book, One Community is a program that has been conducted for the past four years in order to bring the community together through the shared experience of reading the same book. The events give further insight on the chosen book and as a public forum to discuss issues in the community that are revealed in relation to the book.

The chosen book this year was "Dandelion Wine," a semi-autobiographical memoir of Bradbury's childhood in summer 1928. Manhattan Public Library hosted Riley County Museum Historian, Cheryl Collins, to present on life in Manhattan in the 1920s and Ralph and Mary Ellen Titus who presented a discussion on Ken Davis' memoir "Morning in Kansas," which was also a semi-autobiographical novel about the author's childhood.

Last night was the culmination of the One Book, One Community's events. Marcia Allen, Manhattan Public Library's Collection Development Manager, led the discussion with 11 audience members in attendance.

Allen began the discussion with a look at Bradbury's career. She said Bradbury has written 500 short stories, 36 books, screenplays for Gregory Peck's



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Joyce Yagerline, associate professor of speech communication, theater and dance and one of the members of the discussion for One Book, One Community, tries to explain Ray Bradbury's use of metaphor throughout the book "Dandelion Wine."

"Moby Dick" and several "Twilight Žone" episodes.

"I am awed by the things this man has done," Allen said.

The novel is a science fiction, semi-autobiographical story Allen described as "magical realism," which Collins mentioned elevates the novel from a simple memoir to a work of art.

The novel was full of time machines, happiness machines, humans as animals and magic bottled vapors that saved lives.

While I liked the memoir part, the science fiction bits made it more difficult to read," Collins said.

The discussion then turned to the meaning behind the title of the book, "Dandelion Wine." The audience came to the agreement that it is a metaphor for the bottled memories one can revisit through the book, like a dandelion wine that is a taste of summer in the midst of winter miseries.

The audience also seemed to agree the novel is a commentary on the gulf between childhood perceptions and becoming an adult. The discussion was often punctuated with members in the audience recounting their own childhood memories in connection with some of the book's events

The accounts of the book's hero, a young child, having numerous dangerous adventures without parental supervision troubled a few of the readers. The discussion then turned to parenting now compared to the audience member's childhoods. They recounted how they, as kids, would ride horseback alone for hours at a time as a 10-year-old or adventure through Manhattan's underground storm sewers, but said they would never let their children do the same dangerous things.

"I think that this generation is so limited and structured," said Barbara Wether, an audience member at the book discussion. "It's almost sad in a way that they're not allowed to be dangerous anymore."

As the discussion of the novel ended, questions were raised about the One Book, One Community project and how the novels were chosen each year.

Allen explained that a committee of 12 people meet each year to discuss options and choices of books for the program. This year, she said, a lot of requests were made that the book chosen be fictional. The committee then came up with a list of authors who had acclaim and, Allen said, Bradbury was at the top of the list. Next the committee reviewed Bradbury's books and decided on "Dandelion Wine" as the most "cohesive whole work."

'We all read it again and fell in love with it because there are links that every person can make to it," Allen said. "And, crown and glory, it's an easy read."

Collins said this year's One Book, One Community program was a success. Audiences for the events have been larger than expected, and the final book discussion provided depth and incite to the experience.

"The great thing about this program is that the novel is not something that I would have chosen for myself, but it is such an interesting community experience," Collins said.

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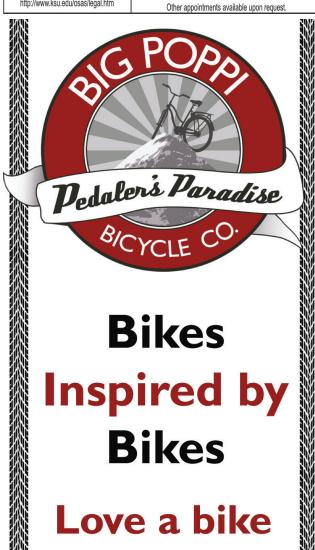
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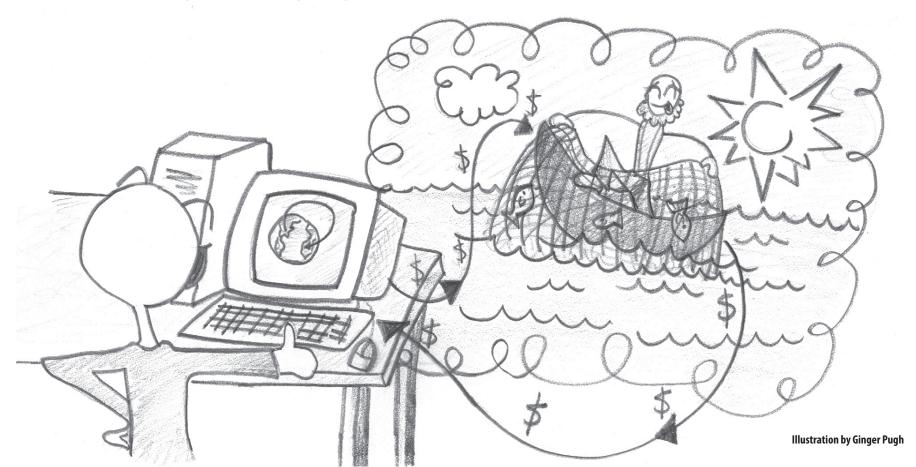
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## Charitable investments



## Microlending offers a new alternative to handouts

We often hear from liberals that conservatives and Republicans "don't care about poor people." This is a fairly common political tactic, used every time another expensive social program is brought

before Congress or local legislatures. Republicans are against spending another gazillion dollars on Social Security? Obviously this comes from their inherent hatred of the poor.

"The Republican War on the Poor" was the title of an op-ed in the liberal Washington Monthly in September 2005. The Huffington Post, a leading liberal blog on the Web, blared "GOP: Poor People Get What They Deserve," on Sept. 16 this year.

This belief, of course, is false. Conservatives and liberals are alike in their concern for social justice, but the latter group just wants to transfer the responsibility from itself to the

These trends show up in scientific data. In his 2006 book "Who Really Cares," Arthur Brooks, a Syracuse professor, proved that on average, conservative households are more likely to give to charities. Conservative households give about 30 percent more to charities than liberal ones, despite liberal families' incomes averaging 6 percent higher than those of their conser-

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vative counterparts.

We are, however, in a recession. A 2008 study by The Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis showed that during the last 40 years, charitable giving declined 2.7 percent during recessions lasting eight or more months.

Conservatives, however, should continue this trend, and there are some great emerging options for those looking to be socially responsible on a tight budget. The concept of microcredit and microloans has recently gained ground as a way to empower impoverished

These programs provide small loans to the owners and potential owners of small businesses below the poverty line who otherwise wouldn't qualify for cred-The concept was pioneered in Bangladesh with the economics professor behind the idea winning the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize – back when the award meant something.

The advent of the Internet has brought microfinancing to a more personal level.

At the Web site Kiva.org, users can sort through the profiles of individuals in developing countries requesting a loan. Users can then give as little as \$25 to help a fisherman start his business, for example. The lender can then expect a return on 100 percent on his principal within a given time period. The borrower is charged interest, but the organization keeps this to cover operating costs.

Microplace.com, a subsidiary of eBay.com, is another intriguing option. The concept is similar to Kiva, except here lenders can earn as much as six percent interest on their loan.

The great part about lending, as opposed to giving, is the same money can be used to help multiple people. If you give \$100 to the American Red Cross, it's going toward a good cause, but, as far as you are concerned, that money is gone.

In microlending, however, you can use your returned principal to loan to other borrowers. Additionally, the small businesses you help start will in turn stimulate the local economies and promote reliance upon one's self instead of on handouts.

The system is not perfect, of course. Lenders assume at least some risk that the loan will not be repaid. These people, after all, can't get loans from more common sources because banks deem them too risky. However, less than 3 percent of borrowers default on their loans, according to both Microplace and Kiva's sites.

Whether the economy is in a boom or bust cycle, microlending is a good option for those who want to avoid the traditional charitable handouts.

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## Modern America: An exercise in media regurgitation

It is absolutely critical that Americans inform themselves about today's most pressing issues: climate change, environmental

destruction, endemic poverty, weapons of mass destruction and overpopulation – to name a few.

government.

Democracy is supposed to provide a bulwark against decisions based on greed, but unfortunately, without well-informed citizens, it results in short-sighted decisions made in ignorance. For Americans, the problem is partially a result of apathy and partially a conse-



quence of relying on mass media outlets like television news.

The problems with relying on the mass media for information are threefold: stories are tailored to support a particular ideology, headlines are littered with entertainment rather than significance and international news is frequently overlooked.

Bias in the media isn't always explicit. It's found in stories reported, headline wording, graphics, photos and tone of voice.

Whether or not it's purposeful is irrelevant - people see the world through their opinions and reflect their tinted observations accordingly. As a result, many Americans become skilled at spouting the party line but incapable of in-depth analysis of important issues.

Let's take a look at what made the major news outlets Tuesday: Rihanna's sexy new album cover, the balloon boy's heyday, the Pentagon's new robot, a dog rescued from a well and a slideshow of celebrity sightings. Though not the only news reported, all these stories made the front page of Web sites for CNN, ABC, MSNBC or Fox News.

What didn't make the news? Schools being more segregated today than in the 1950s; a U.S. Government Accountability Office report stating that 83 of the top 100 publicly-held U.S. companies avoid taxes by locating subsidiaries in the Caribbean, 14 of whom received money from the bailout; growing violent nationalism in Russia or the increasing pace of resource depletion.

Entertainment is one thing; news is another. We should cease conflating the two.

No human life ought to be valued over another, but the mass media seems to think otherwise. Millions are dying in Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere due to conflict, starvation and disease we could help solve. Most Americans don't know these problems exist, let alone how to help solve them. Privileging domestic over international news, regardless of the latter's gravity, is a recipe to make the rich richer and keep the poor on the periphery.

We are not fully to blame but neither are our media outlets. To some degree, we are shown what we want to see. I recommend

two remedies: redirecting our interests to more relevant, pressing issues and expanding our sources of information.

One great resource is K-State Libraries' databases, which offer access to thousands of peer-reviewed academic journals, nonpartisan think tanks and public policy institutes. I would also recommend Project Censored, an organization committed to providing credible citations for the news that's not reported.

If we don't change the way we get the news, there is no possibility of being able to effectively deal with the most pressing issues facing human survival, and true progress will stagnate.

Let's stop rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic and start figuring out how to avoid the icebergs.

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**Does** anybody else find it funny that the Collegian has an article about what is and isn't a reliable news source?

To the person who found the bike: Mine was a blue one with a kick stand that didn't work so well. If you found it, leave it at Seaton around 5:30 on Wednesday. Thanks.

Congratulations roommate Billy on passing out in the driveway and peeing in vour car.

To the pre-physical therapy senior whom I've been running into in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays: What's your

So apparently homecoming thinks it is better than academics. I think someone needs to reconsider that.

**How** can only 54 people participate in Pant The Chant? The minimum is 75.

**To** that guy from Wendy's: Thanks for the free Frosty.

To the guy who keeps calling into the

information.

but pedestrians always have the right of

Fourum: Wow, you're weird. Don't tell my heart, my achy breaky heart.

Hey, Carson Coffman, umm, seems like To Kelsey on Wildcat 91.9: Your advice for you didn't know this, so I figured I'd help couples staying out sucks. Your brain conyou out: Running backs run the ball, quarterbacks throw the ball. Just for your

Which one of the spirit signs for homecoming looks best?

I'd like to inform the Fourum about a heinous crime. It is now 12:57 in the Derb and everyone in here just got rick-roll'd. Thank you.

I've never gone down to the Putnam laundry room without thinking, "That's nasty."

**Who** do you think would win in a fight between Frank Male and Beth Menden-

To whoever stole our Bud Light from our

house on Laramie St.: I know it's been a while, but we'd kind of like it back, and if you bring it back, you're invited to our Bud Light party later on this month.

OK, everybody has three exams this week, shut up. You're not special.

**Here's** a little fact for you: I know it sucks,

Fourum, you and me should start a band. You could rap, and I can play the accordion.

sists of cheese, sex and dipping tobacco. I was cleaning in Bramlage Monday night,

and I found a stocking cap that appears to have an owl or some sort of bird on it. Will negotiate for return.

Can someone please fire the entire crew of Wildcat 91.9?

I don't understand why girls wear Uggs on extremely hot days.

I love how 70 degree weather can bring

out Ugg boots. My friend broke up with his girlfriend in

the back of Hale Library. What a jerk.

**Do** I get points for spotting people in knock-off Uggs?

To Gumby's Pizza and Wings: Will I get a big ass from eating Gumby's Big Ass pizza?

Are the rumors true? Is the Wildcat 91.9 station room going to really be turned to storage?

What would Jesus do? Not listen to Wildcat

**To** all of you who read the Fourum: Forget it, everything you read there is useless, so find something better to do with your

Whenever I have to make a big decision, I just ask myself ... "What would T-Storm

**To** the person who found the bike: Is it a light blue Schwinn? If so, I'd really like it back and I don't think anyone else is short enough to ride it.

**Everyone** needs to get on Facebook and request Tech N9ne to be here.

You guys should report on what's going on at Cardwell, because are you a newspaper

Congrats, you beat Texas A&M.

OK, Fourum, I tried to call in earlier, and it said "number busy," and that makes no sense because you're a freakin' voicemail.



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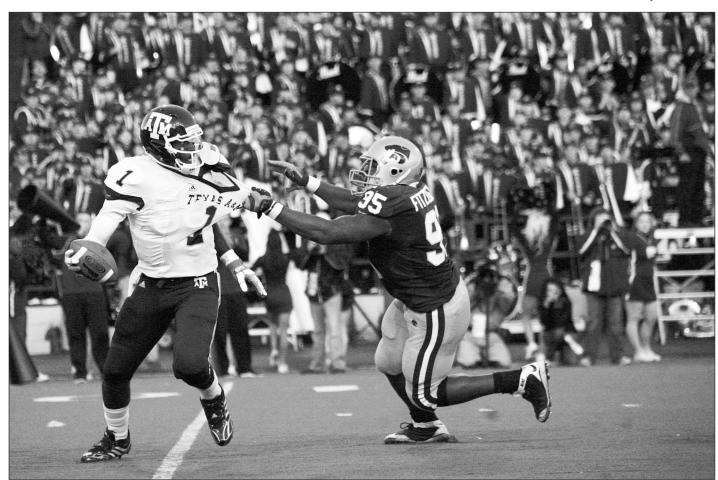
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## **Containment theory**



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Senior defensive end Jeffrey Fitzgerald gets a hand on Texas A&M quarterback Jerrod Johnson during Saturday's 62-14 rout. Fitzgerald had 2.5 sacks and forced fumble in the game. The Wildcats will face another talented quarterback in Tyler Hansen when they take on Colorado Saturday.

### Defense will face another mobile QB this week

By Justin Nutter KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Strong quarterback play has been the theme of the Big 12 Conference for quite some time. From Texas's Colt McCoy to KU's Todd Reesing to Oklahoma State's Zac Robinson, every Big 12 school seems focused on building

its program around a solid signal-caller. After last weekend, it appears Colorado, the next team on K-State's schedule, is no exception to that theory. While the Wildcats (4-3, 2-1 Big 12 Conference) were pounding Texas A&M, the Buffaloes (2-4, 1-1) were in the midst of upsetting then-No. 17 KU under the leadership of sophomore quarterback Tyler Hansen. Earlier that week, Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins had announced he would be benching former starter Cody Hawkins – his son – for Hansen.

Needless to say, his plan worked out well. Hansen exploited the Jayhawk defense, torching the unit for 209 yards of total offense and a pair of touchdowns en route to a 34-30 victory.

"If you watch the KU game, [Hansen] is all over the place," said Wildcat head coach Bill Snyder. "You watch the ballgame and you see big play after big play. They get him trapped and he gets out of it and gets the ball off.

"If you don't stay in coverage, then he's going to find somebody that's scot-free running around, and he can get the ball to them because he can throw it well."

The Wildcat defense held Aggie quarterback Jerrod Johnson - who entered last week's game ranked third nationally in total offense – to a 46.6-completion percentage while sacking him six times and recording three interceptions.

Sophomore safety Tysyn Hartman said the defense will need another strong showing to keep Hansen in check on Saturday.

[Hansen] is an athletic guy," Hartman said. "He's a mix of different guys. He can run, can throw, can make guys miss in the

The Wildcats have some experience against Hansen prior to this weekend's meeting. Last season in Boulder, Colo., he replaced Cody Hawkins midway through the contest and led the Buffaloes to a tightly-contested 14-13 win. However, after viewing film, Hartman said Hansen is "considerably better" than he was a year ago.

Hansen, a native of Murrieta, Calif., shares

a story similar to that of Wildcat quarterback Grant Gregory. Both were listed as backups at the beginning of the season, and their respective teams struggled. Once they were inserted into the starting lineups, the teams began to enjoy some success. Both are stronger runners than their counterparts, and both are capable of doing damage through the air.

Snyder said Hansen's dual-threat abilities make him harder to plan for from a coaching standpoint.

"That thins you out because you've got to have all your secondary people and your linebackers back in coverage," Snyder said.

Sophomore defensive tackle Raphael Guidry echoed his coach's thoughts, saying the Wildcats will have to pay extra attention to the Buffalo signal-caller to leave Snyder Family Stadium with a win.

"[Hansen] is pretty good," Guidry said. "He's real mobile. He can throw and everything. We've got to contain him, keep him in the pocket, and get to him as many times as we can. You have to put pressure on him."

The Wildcats will get that chance when they take the field against Colorado for the All-University Homecoming this weekend. Kickoff is slated for 11:30 a.m.

**VOLLEYBALL** 

## Cats at Colorado looking for 2nd conference win



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Senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman goes up for a kill in last weekend's match against KU. The Wildcats were swept by the Jayhawks but will look to rebound tonight at Colorado.

By Ben Schweda KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State volleyball team (7-11, 1-7 Big 12 Conference) is on the road tonight to take on conference foe Colorado (6-12, 1-8 Big 12 Conference).

The Wildcats were swept 0-3 against Kansas on Saturday, but look to continue their current four-game winning

streak against the Buffaloes. "I think tomorrow's match against Colorado will be a way better match to watch and to hear about [than our last match]," said junior outside hitter Vanessa Murray on Tuesday.

Colorado owns the all time series between the two teams, with a 23-20 record, but K-State has won 10 of the last 14 meetings.

Both teams find themselves looking for just their second conference win after winning for the first time last week.

Under first-year coach Liz Kritza, the

Buffaloes are led on offense by sophomore outside hitter Becah Fogle, who is averaging 3.24 kills per set. Redshirt sophomore outside hitter Rosie Steinhaus will also contribute with her 2.66 kills per set.

On defense, they are led by Fogle and freshman outside hitter Kerra Schroeder with 2.22 and 2.14 digs per set, respec-

K-State will counter on the offensive end with junior outside hitter JuliAnne Chisholm who has a team high 206 kills. Redshirt freshman outside hitter Kathleen Ludwig is second on the team with 179 kills for a 2.56 kill per set average.

Senior middle blocker Kelsey Chipman, averaging 1.10 block per set, will lead the Wildcat defense. Junior libero Lauren Mathewson leads the team with 4.15 digs per set and will help set the tone on defense.

First serve is set for 8 pm, at the Coors Events Center.

**TENNIS** 

**MEN'S GOLF** 

### Wildcats finish up play at UMKC tournament

**By Grant Guggisberg** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Two K-State men's golf team members wrapped up play at the Bill Ross Intercollegiate Tuesday.

Redshirt junior Ross Geubelle and freshman Ben Juffer finished tied for 52nd and 55th places, respectively. Geubelle shot a finalround 8-over-par 80, while Juffer shot a 10-over-par 82.

The two participated in the tournament only as individuals, and K-State did not record a team score. Head coach Tim Norris said he wanted the two to participate to give them more tourna-

ment experience. "[The tournament] is just a competitive opportunity for some of the guys who haven't been in our lineup, and was scheduled that way," he said in a previous interview.

Geubelle finished the tournament with a 237, which was 21-over-par. Juffer finished one stroke behind him with a 22-overpar 238. The winner of the tournament was Wichita State's Dustin Garza, who finished the tournament 5-under-par, shooting a 211 over the three rounds.

Next up for the Wildcats is the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate on Oct. 26-27 in Las Cruces, N.M. Last year, the team had a good showing in this event, finishing second out of 18 teams.

### Duo to compete at tennis regional championships

**By Danny Davis** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Antea Huljev and Nina Sertic will represent the K-State tennis team at the Wilson/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Regional Championships in Oklahoma today. The duo will both compete in singles matches and team-up for doubles competition.

Huljev, a junior from Velenje, Slovenia, held the number one position on last spring's roster. This season, she currently has a

5-5 singles record. Her teammate, Sertic, has established a 3-6 record for singles play this season. A sophomore from Zagreb, Croatia, she concluded her freshman season with a 8-12 record.

Last year, Huljev and Sertic competed together during the spring. During eight competitions, they earned a record of 2-6.

This fall, the pair hold a 5-2 record in doubles. They have just come off a win at the Razorback Classic on Oct. 4. The ITA Regionals will be the last competition for Huljev and Sertic before the spring season in January.

While the duo is in Oklahoma competing, the rest of the roster will attend the Kansas University Tournament this weekend.

Coach Steve Bietau was unavailable for comment.

## Nutter's Midweek Musings



**JUSTIN NUTTER** 

For this week's segment of my midweek musings, I'd like to take you all through my thought process during last weekend's 62-14 blowout against Texas A&M. Judging from the offense's performance, I'm sure you'll have plenty to read. Enjoy.

- · K-State forces and recovers a fumble, Daniel Thomas scores four plays later. (7-0): Why in the world did Texas A&M have a tight end running the ball? Ever heard of a fullback?
- Josh Cherry connects on a 23-yard field goal. (10-0): Maybe he's finally found his groove. Good thing it only took him seven weeks instead of a really freakin' long time.
- Thomas scores again on a three-yard run, still in the first quarter. (17-0): I think we may have brought Steven Sheffield back from Texas Tech with us. No wonder Grant Gregory looks
- · Thomas hits paydirt again on a nine-yard run. (24-0): I should go find Jonathan Beasley in the coaching booth. His single-game touchdown record is seriously at stake here.
- Thomas takes a direct snap and carries it 17 yards for his third score of the first half. (31-0): Scratch that. I'm starting to wonder if we didn't kidnap the whole Red Raider offense. Either way, no complaints here.
- Josh Moore picks off a pass and Gregory hits a wide open Collin Klein for his first career touchdown. (38-0): Collin Klein? Isn't he a quarterback? I guess that's not important, but are we really still in the first half?
- · Brandon Banks takes the second half kickoff 97 yards for his third return touchdown of the season. (45-0): Good thing he did that. The lead was really starting to dwindle.
- · Keithen Valentine scores on a nine-yard run - his first carry of the game. (52-0): Well, it looks like Beasley's record will stay intact. At least for another week.
- Valentine scores again on a 20-yard run – his second carry of the game. (59-0): I should really get my oil changed tomorrow. It's been months since I've done that. Wait, the game's not over yet?
- Aggie quarterback Jerrod Johnson hits receiver Uzoma Nwachukwu on a 66-yard scoring strike. (59-7): And the comeback begins. I knew this was too good to be true. I knew they should have built a good-sized lead. Too late now.
- Johnson hits Nwachukwu again, this time from 23 yards out. (59-14): Man, that Nawacha... Nowatchu... That receiver with the weird name is really good. Is he really only a fresh-
- · Brandon Klimek hits a 46-yard field goal for the game's final points. (62-14): He did it! Cherry finally hit one from outside 40 yards! It's a miracle! He must be so hap...wait, never mind.
- Bill Snyder says at the post game press conference that K-State could have played better in the first half. (Game over): Seriously? Were we watching the same game? Poor guy. Senility must be kicking in. Actually, that could make the rest of the season pretty interesting. I've always thought college football needed an Al Davis.

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## Playing her passion

# Performer shares her music

**By Michelle Thomas** KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When Aliyah Stephens was only 5 years old, her parents decided to enroll her in piano lessons to help her become a better reader.

Stephens continued to play classical piano for 10 years, and now, as a 20-year-old junior in music performance, she plays 10 additional instruments, including bass, drums, guitar, saxophone, tuba, violin, trombone, baritone, trumpet and clarinet.

Stephens describes herself as a rhythm section player, concentrating now on drums, bass, guitar and piano.

"I've been really blessed to have so many people in my life and in Manhattan who've helped me with my music," Stephens said.

Linetta Hill, a member of Stephens's church, was her piano instructor for 10 years. While in grade school and middle school, Stephens learned a variety of other instruments, and her parents and instructors encouraged her to continue developing her talents.

When she was in fifth grade, Stephens' father encouraged her to take up the saxophone, just as he had done in school. The next year, Stephens learned to play the trumpet, followed by baritone and tuba in middle school. In high school, she learned guitar when she started playing rock. Later, she added bass and drums to her repertoire

drums to her repertoire.

A summer camp called "Open Your Eyes to Jazz" influenced her dedication to musical education. When Stephens was 14, she was encouraged to go to the camp because it was taught by Norvan Daniels, a teacher at J.C. Harmon High, who had taught her father in the early 1980s, and who was planning to retire after that year. The camp was an intensive two-month program



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**Aliyah Stephens**, junior in music performance, plays a total of 11 instruments. She played classical piano for 10 years and now plays bass, drums, guitar, saxophone, tuba, violin, trombone, baritone, trumpet and clarinet.

where Stephens recalls playing eight hours a day and practicing fundamentals after lessons were

Because the camp taught her such dedication and devotion to music, Stephens said she wants to bring this type of education to future music students. She said her biggest dream is to have the ability to bring the same kind of camp conservatory to the Midwest.

Stephens said her music theory teacher, Steve Easterday, was a significant influence on her growing talents. He made time to teach her new instruments – not for pay, but for the love and excitement of music.

"I'd only had my trombone for a year before I went to K-State," Stephens said. "I got it for Christmas and brought it into him, and he spent hours teaching me because he was excited that I wanted to learn."

Easterday said Stephens has

a natural talent with a knack for music theory; he also said all he had to do was give her a few basic facts and she was well on her way to mastering a new instrument.

"She's really good at transferring what she's learned from previous instruments to whatever she's learning at the time," Easterday said.

In high school, Stephens decided to make her passion for music a career and began majoring in trombone education at K-State in fall 2007.

Her professor and mentor, Wayne Goins, director of jazz studies, said Stephens is one of the most naturally gifted students he has met.

"She's like a one-woman army when it comes to music," Goins said. "She's the kind of person who can hear something and translate it to the instrument she has in her hand. Not everyone can do that."

Goins said the upcoming Oct. 29 jazz concert will feature Stephens, who plays in one of Goins's top jazz combos called the House Wreckers, with solos in every song.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to see a really talented musician at work," he said.

Goins called Stephens his "Aliyah Keys," because not only does she play, but she also sings and composes.

"Anytime you have a student like that, with natural talent, you want to invest in them," Goins said. "I push her as hard as the rest of my students and try to find new ways to challenge her."

Though Stephens is taking the semester off from K-State, she said she plans to return in January and major in piano. She continues to share her love of music and knowledge of instruments with young people by giving private lessons.

"I'm not a 'classical' teach-

er, but I'm really good oneon-one," Stephens said. "I can break it down and really get a lot done in an hour. Being a performance major, you can do that. My best teachers were the ones that played all the time and passed that on."

Stephens also plays in the local scene. She is a bassist for El Triad, a local band that plays at Aggieville venues including Fat's Bar & Grill, O'Malley's and Kathouse Lounge.

PJ's Bar was one of Stephens' venues, but the bar has recently closed its doors for good.

"It's so sad because I've been playing there since I was 13," she said.

Stephens will play with El Triad on Oct. 28, at Kathouse Lounge and then with The Ruckus and Kiss and Toe on Nov. 12.

"I think we'll be seeing Aliyah on CD labels one day," Easterday said. "She'll definitely be big time."

### Students should exercise cold prevention tactics, experts say



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By Pauline Kennedy KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

It is that time of year again. The weather is getting colder, coughs and sniffles are back, and as we pass the halfway point of the semester, students are beginning to feel run-down.

Despite what the old wives' tale says, cold weather does not actually cause seasonal colds and flus, but it does not help contain them either.

Viruses spread much more easily during colder weather. People tend to spend most of their time indoors, and close contact is a leading factor in the spread of the common cold and flu. Viruses also travel better in dry air, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. This could be the chilly outside air or the warm, cozy air from a heater.

When the seasonal conditions favor the spread of viruses, the best course of action is prevention.

K-State has taken several steps to help reduce viral infections among students, including making hand sanitizer readily available and posting informational signs around campus.

Students can take several preventive steps to help slow the spread of viruses around campus, too.

Regularly washing hands, maintaining a balanced diet, getting adequate sleep and managing stress all help keep the immune system at its peak performance, said Shelley Cunningham, health educator at Lafene Student Health Center.

Student Health Center.

She also said good hand hygiene is one of the easiest ways to keep from getting sick, but is only effective if done properly. Cunningham advised washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or if using hand sanitizer, to rub hands together until they are completely dry.

Students should also be conscious of where their hands are. Avoid touching one's face, especially rubbing the eyes and putting hands near the mouth, Cunningham said.

A balanced and nutritional diet and adequate sleep are nec-

essary to keep healthy.
"Eat meals regularly and keep charged," said Rachel Cunningham, chair of the Student Health Advisory Committee and senior

in mass communications.

Be sure to get a good portion of fruits and vegetables in your diet and stay hydrated by drinking plants of yesters.

ing plenty of water.

Another difficult task for college students is getting adequate sleep. Plenty of rest helps reduce stress. An average of seven to nine hours of sleep is recommended.

"If you are really stressed out all the time, that can lead to physical stress," said Sarah Martin, pre-doctoral intern for counseling services. "This impacts your immune system."

Martin said practicing good study habits and time management can help lead to a less stressful environment and allow you to acquire a sufficient amount of sleep.

If students do end up getting sick, be sure to avoid close contact with others. Cough into the elbow rather than the hands and disinfect objects frequently touched.

touched.
Shelley Cunningham said while the common cold and milder flus do not generally require medical attention, students should see a doctor immediately if they experience any of the following symptoms: extremely high fever, difficulty breathing, chest pain or pressure, dizziness, vomiting or confusion.

Though avoiding cold and flu viruses during the peak season is not always possible, utilizing these preventive steps can greatly reduce chances of getting sick.

### Students add Skype to list of ways to communicate on computer

**By Tiara Williams**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Many students have friends or significant others who live too far away to see frequently. For them, finding a cheap and easy way to stay in touch is a constant search. Some students are solving this problem through an online messaging service called Skype.

Skype is a free downloadable feature available at *Skype.com* allowing users to make phone calls to cell phones and landlines internationally or in the U.S. They can also make video calls and chat online. Users can set up an online number, have a voicemail box and forward calls to their cell phones if they are away from a computer.

Gracia Johnson, junior in kinesiology, said she found Skype to be a perfect fit for her

long-distance relationship.

Johnson said she found out about Skype in

spring 2008 through her fiancé, Bradley Matlack, graduate student in mechanical engineering. Matlack's sister-in-law used the program to talk to her sister, who lives in Thailand. When Johnson decided in fall 2008 to travel to Europe for four months, she and Matlack thought using Skype would be the best way to keep the relationship alive and strong, Johnson said.

The couple tested Skype two months before Johnson left the U.S. at the end of January. Throughout her time abroad, despite a few weak European signals, Skype worked. Johnson and Matlack said they both found it to be very useful.

If Skype users want to communicate with other Skype members, everything is free. If they wish to communicate with people not on Skype but via SMS text messaging, landlines or cell phones, they must have money on their Skype Credit.

Skype Credit is offered two ways: Pay as you go or pay monthly. Users can make calls starting at \$0.021 per minute and purchase various voice messaging plans ranging from \$6 to \$60 for either three or 12-month plans.

Johnson said she used Skype to call friends while in Europe since many of the people she lived with did not have cell phones.

She said calling the U.S. is cheaper compared to some countries. Once, Johnson used a pay phone in Austria because there was no Internet and the phone call cost her \$80 for 20 minutes.

"Skype had a deal while I was in Europe: it was \$9 for three months and I was there for four, so I just paid normal for the last month," she said. "Even though it did not always work, it was better than nothing."

Kylee Wilks, freshman in secondary education, is also in a long-distance relationship

and said she believes Skype is a huge perk because there is no need to watch cell phone minutes. She can see loved ones – her boyfriend, parents and friends at other colleges – by using the video option rather than just hearing their voices.

However, not all Skype users are in longdistance, romantic relationships. Brenna Mitchell, freshman in business, has spread the word about Skype to a number of friends. She said a high school friend told her about the service so the two could stay in touch even though they attend colleges in different states. Mitchell said she fell in love with

Skype after that.

"I like how personal it is and how I can see my friends' appearance and they can show me things like their dorm room and decorations, etc.," she said. "It is more personal than a text and a call. It kind of feels like you are with them in a way."

## Ag dean attracted to K-State by students' praise for college

**By Tyler Sharp**KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Fred Cholick believes in peo-

ple following their passions.

The dean of the College of Agriculture found this to be true during his time in college at Oregon State University. At the beginning of his junior year, Cholick, an agronomy major with a business minor, met with his adviser. Noting that his grades were far superior in science-related courses than in his business course, his adviser had simple advice for him.

"He said, 'That should tell you something,'" Cholick said. "My interest really was science, and it was interesting that someone else had to tell me what my interest was, but he did."

Sparked by this meeting, Cholick entered a pre-graduate science program. Eventually he received a Ph.D. in plant breeding and genetics. In the process, though, Cholick had a chance encounter that would further change his life.

Norman Borlaug, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970, spoke at Colorado State University in 1973. After listening to Borlaug deliver a lecture on the role of agriculture in international development, the young graduate student took Borlaug's words to heart. Upon finishing his Ph.D., Cholick worked at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, an applied research center, for five years. During his time with the organization, he traveled extensively and learned a considerable amount.

"All total, my career in college was nine years to get a Ph.D., and the next five years was to get an education," he said. "I learned kind of a new appreciation for the global world we live in."

#### **SETTLING DOWN**

Despite a passion for traveling internationally, Cholick decided to accept a more traditional position to allow him to focus on his family and then-1-year-old son. He accepted a research teaching position at Oregon State University in plant breeding and genetics.

Cholick later moved on to South Dakota State University



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"They were bragging about K-State being a studentfocused institution, and I can say that's not true everywhere in higher education. I was impressed with that."

- Fred Cholick, Dean of the College of Agriculture

where he ascended to dean of the College of Agricultural and Biological Sciences. He held the post for 13 years before an unexpected opportunity arrived when a position for dean in the College of Agriculture opened at K-State.

"I was a dean at another institution and enjoyed the job; I wasn't looking for another job," he said.

After initially hearing an announcement about the position, Cholick did not act. But upon requests from friends at K-State, he visited the university and interviewed for the position. His wife joined him during the process and helped him arrive at a timely conclusion.

"On the way back, my wife said this is the one that's going to make us move," he said.

Cholick credits part of this conclusion to the passion of those around him. During his

visit to campus, he was sitting in the K-State Alumni Center with about 20 students from the College of Agriculture. Cholick said on interviews like that, people tend to be very positive, avoiding any negatives about a university.

However, Cholick said the students at K-State were not just being positive, but were boasting about the education they were getting.

"They were bragging about K-State being a student-focused institution, and I can say that's not true everywhere in higher education," he said. "I was impressed with that."

Cholick became dean at K-State in August 2004 and credits those students with being the tipping point in his decision to accept the position.

Since then, he also has served as director of K-State Research and Extension. The statewide operation with more than 200 agents in the state's 105 counties is more of a guiding operation rather than directing, Cholick said.

"My job is to create an environment where the individual can be creative and bring those individuals together to be productive," he said. "That's how I do my job as dean and director."

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A lack of a "silo mentality" is also positive, Cholick said. Frequent collaborations occur with the other deans, like working with Ralph Richardson, dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, on the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, because of a conducive environment, he said.

#### NBAF

A January 2009 announcement that NBAF would be relocating to Manhattan made sense, Cholick said.

"I think K-State is a good place to have it because of our strong College of Veterinary Medicine and our strong College of Agriculture and our strong commitment to agriculture," he said.

Cholick testified during hearings on campus regarding NBAF. He said he believes the

project will add prestige to the university.

"Operations like that attract other operations like a magnet," he said

#### LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

Like the rest of the university, the College of Agriculture has suffered through budget cuts. Cholick finds a fitting correlation between meteorological events and the budget-cutting process.

"Budget reductions are like droughts in agriculture," he said. "It comes and goes, it occurs every three to five years and some are more severe than others. But after every drought, it rains, and after every rain everything drains up again. This one has been a pretty good drought, but it will rain and green up again."

As his tenure continues, Cholick finds the greatest pleasure and passion in his job in sharing the success of others.

"I was a wheat breeder for years and I used to drive by and say, 'That's the variety I helped develop;' I could pick it out driving down the Interstate," he said. "Now they are people. That's the most rewarding."

His faith in the current generation of college students is seemingly unmatched. Cholick credits his college's students with being the most knowledgeable, most creative and, he believes, eventually the most successful.

However, Miles Theurer, junior in animal sciences and industry and president of the College of Agriculture Student Council, said this credit comes from the faculty and administration of the college.

"Dean Cholick's main focus is on the students and in the current economic situation, he hasn't lost sight of that," Theurer said. "The college has a family atmosphere and it helps the students to be successful."

Gary Pierzynski, department head and professor of agronomy, agreed and said Cholick does great work for the college.

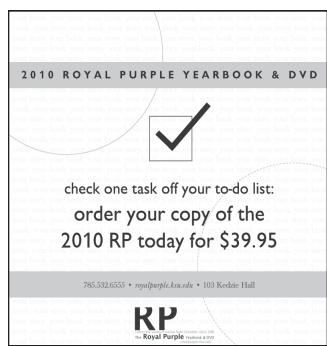
"He has a good vision for the college and he has a very agreeable, very management style," Pierzynski said. "He also hits it off well with our clientele across the state. He is a great combination."



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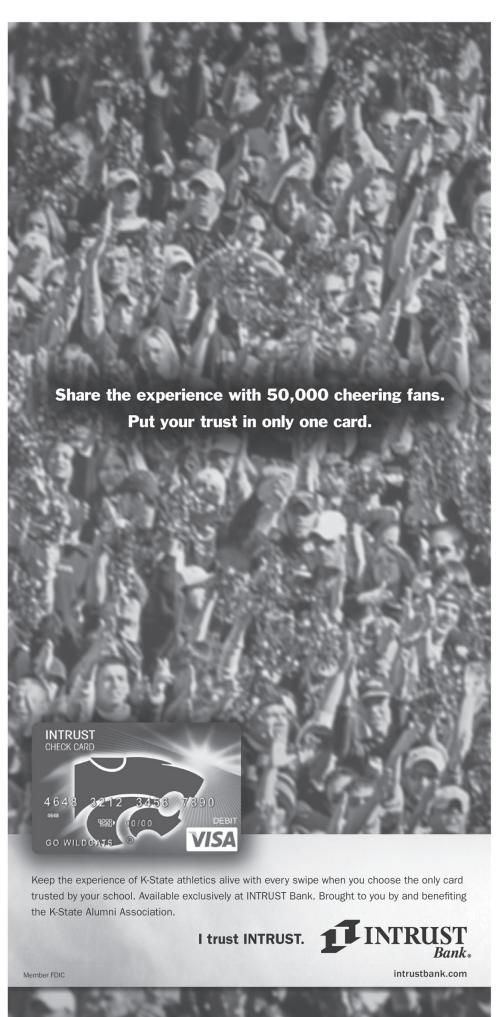
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## 2010 special projects

By Hannah Loftus KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

City commissioners met Oct. 13 to discuss Manhattan's yearly budget issues as well as the City/University Special Projects Fund.

The fund was created in 1994 to finance projects that are deemed to mutually benefit the community and K-State.

Student Body President Dalton Henry, senior in agricultural communications and journalism and agricultural economics, said different groups around campus make different project idea recommendations for K-State. Those proposals are then taken to the K-State president.

"Altogether, it takes about a year and a half for a project to be put in place and will go through four levels of recommendations and approvals before it is even submitted to the city commission," Henry said.

According to the city's Web site, the K-State president submits a request for consideration between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15 of each year for the city's next six-year budget cy-cle. The City/University Special Projects Fund Committee then makes recommendations to the city commission to budget the projects.

In 1994, Henry said the city annexed the property the university was on in an agreement between Manhattan and K-State. However, within the agreement, the campus sales taxes collected on campus are then put back into the special projects fund.

Henry said a big project in the past included construction on Denison Avenue, which cost \$100,000. The project expanded the street, making it safer for students to cross.

Nine projects are currently underway to benefit both the community and the K-State campus. The total approved budget for 2010 is set

at \$489,300, which includes a total of \$369,300 to be administered by K-State and \$120,000 by the city. Despite the economic climate, the 2010 budget is actually higher than last year's, Henry said.

Some of the scheduled 2010 projects include building more campus sidewalks and bike racks and improving the lighting north of Waters Hall and other locations around campus, Henry said.

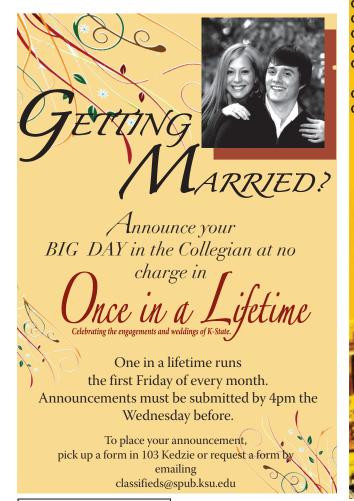
According to the city commission report, a total of \$104,300 will be spent on the lighting and bike improvements.

The city report also outlined a continuation of the Good Neighbors Program, an ongoing K-State funded project that enhances compliance with city ordinances and quality of life in neighborhoods where both permanent residents and off-campus students live. The continuation will come to a total of \$10,000.

An emergency prevention, coordination and communication project has also been approved to come from the funds. This project would secure large classrooms with locks and centrally controlled building communication devices and oversee the installation of other measures designed to enhance the safety and communication capabilities of K-State and surrounding neighborhoods.

"There is a good deal of interest in safety issues right now around campus," Henry said. "It is important that students feel safe on campus as well as off campus."

Henry said a big portion of the budget would go to improve lighting in and around Aggieville, increasing the number of security cameras and enforcing a code of conduct. The project is slated to take up \$100,000 of the total city and university special projects and will be presided over by K-State.



## K-State, city unify for | WESP's annual pumpkin carving festival gives students chance to relax with friends

By Hannah Loftus KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Women in Engineering and Science Program had its annual pumpkin carving festival on Tuesday at Manhattan's CiCo park.

Kimberly Douglas-Mankin, director of WESP, said the yearly festival took place to provide students with a chance to relax and hang out with friends while carving a pumpkin. The event is sponsored to help build a stronger connection between students within the community.

According to the WESP Web site, the program is a cooperative effort between the colleges of Engineering and Arts and Sciences and is designed to cultivate the science and technology interests of women from middle school through postgraduate levels.

'We really wanted to give students a chance to celebrate the fall season while getting to know and network with other engineering and science students as well as members of the community," said Douglas-Mankin.

Activities at the event included pumpkin carving and painting as well as a chance to grab some food. There were 18 types of pies, eight types of cookies and an assortment of snacks served to those who attended, all sponsored by WESP.

Douglas-Mankin said this was



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Caitlin Dye, Manhattan High School student, gazes into her soon to be jack-olantern at the WESP sponsored pumpkin carving event.

a great opportunity for students to connect with their professors and their families and let them see that professors are real people with real families, not only teachers in classrooms.

"I have been doing this since it started three years ago, and it is so fun," said Rebecca Burns, senior in biological and agricultural engineering. "It's really fun to bring my roommates and hang out with them while carving a ghost and tombstone into a great looking pumpkin."

Burns said she wouldn't change a thing about the event because it is such a great way to relax with the

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food, music and friends.

"Every year, this event just keeps growing," said Mahjabeen Raza, administrative assistant for the College of Engineering who works for WESP. "For example, last year we had about 220 RSVPs, and this year we are sitting at 300 plus people, which is a lot of pumpkins. I helped organize the event by sending out a bunch of invitations, but it is amazing to see how many people are willing to just jump in and help out with the event."

WESP also plays host to a chocolate festival later in the fall and the Making A Difference event in February.





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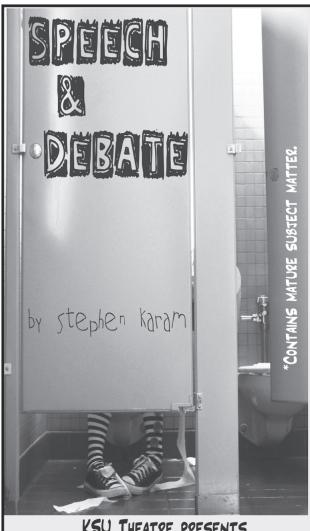
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#### **CITY** | Officials discuss texting while driving

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Strawn said he disagreed because the ordinances currently in place only punished drivers after an accident has occurred. He wants to change driving behaviors to prevent accidents.

"I think this is before the commission because we are all citizens and observers within our community," Strawn said. "It is the responsibility of the government to ensure the safety of the public even if that means restricting the rights of others."

Gary Olds, Manhattan resident, asked the council to consider the people in the community who used cell phones as a business tool. He said he uses his cell phone while driving frequently and would never get any business accomplished if he had to pull off the side of the road every time his phone rang while driving down the road.

Myron Calhoun, Manhattan resident and licensed amateur radio operator, told the commission that if they adopted the proposed ordinance, it would interfere with volunteers who help with storm chasing, disaster relief and many other businesses that use two-way radios to communicate with their employees.

"Cell phone use in public transit is a nation wide issue," said Ann Smith, director of the Riley County Area Transportation Agency Bus. "ATA Bus uses hand radios, and I agree with [Calhoun that radios should be exempt].

Kellan Kershner, a graduate student in agronomy, said the city should consider making it a secondary offense. A secondary offense is where a police officer cannot pull a driver over for using a cell phone, but if pulled over for some other traffic violation, can issue a citation for driving while talking on the phone, said Jackson during her presentation.

"I do think texting should be illegal," Kershner said. "That is just crazy."

The commissioners differed on small points, but overall agreed a traffic law limiting cell phone use while driving is a necessity in Manhattan.

"California has gone hands free as a requirement," Commissioner Bruce Snead said. "So to me that would be logical, but texting; that's insane."

By the end of the discussion, the general consensus was to allow hands-free devices and two way radio operations, ban texting while all other areas of phone use while driving was left undecided.

During the consent agenda portion, all items passed 5-0. Commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman wanted Manhattan citizens to know the city saved enough money through competitive bidding with the pool project to build a second slide at the city park pool. Second, the scholarship program for low income families to purchase pool passes at a reduced cost will also be available to those who qualify.

"We will be using the federal poverty level guidelines," said Curt Loupe, director of parks and recreation. "Also children who participate in free, reduced lunch program will qualify."

#### **POLICE REPORT**

### Local man charged for drug possession

By Sarah Rajewski KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A local man was arrested on drug charges on Monday night, according to a report by the Riley County Police Department.

Seth Peters Anderson, 21, of 1531 Leavenworth St., No. 5, was arrested at 8:06 p.m. and charged with the possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school and no Kansas drug tax stamp, according to the report.

Lt. Herbert Crosby Jr. of the RCPD said the arrest was part of an ongoing

Anderson was released on \$7,500 bond, Crosby said.

#### **AMBASSADORS** | Share experiences, advice

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Hampton: For me, one of the first events really sticks out — funny enough — but for me it was Western Kansas. I've never really been to Western Kansas and one of our first events was a Catbacker event in Concordia and it was different. We got to meet so many different athletes as well as alumni that had been around for so many years that just, again, have a sense and a pride of K-State. It's great to experience that with Ashley. We ended up seeing one of her friends from high school that plays on the basketball team, so it was cool to interact with him as well as others that played on the football team [as well as] Wyatt Thompson, the "Voice of the Wildcats." Stuff like that is a great experience, all considering.

#### Q: What made you decide to apply for student ambassador?

Guenther: I'd actually gone to K-State alumni events in my hometown of Ottawa, Kan., and had seen the K-State ambassadors come every single year get to talk about how excited they were to be K-Staters and how much they just loved to get the chance to talk to K-State alumni. So seeing that was really special for me, and I knew that even at a young age that I really wanted to be able to be that advocate for K-State to, like Donnie said, bring people to K-State so that they could get just as much experience as I have here and to get to be part of that family.

Hampton: For me, I'm actually a first generation college student. Looking at so many universities in my senior year, I just didn't really know what to do or what steps to go, but when I came here to K-State, I knew this here was the place for me. Since then, I haven't been proven wrong. It just continues to help me. It's done so much for me in many different ways ... from traveling abroad to just having other opportunities that I've had. I just can't tell you how much I feel privileged to be here at K-State and I want to give back to it. When I saw the ambassador position and what it had to offer, being able to reach out to other students ... that's exactly and ideally what

#### Q: What is the first thing you are going to do once you are free from your ambassador duties?

Guenther: Donnie and I have [been able to] become really good friends through our experience together. When things change after the homecoming game, we're still going to be giving presentations until December, so none of that is really changing by any means. I don't know. I don't think anything is really changing. We both love K-State and talking about K-State and so we have always been in

roles where we've [been able] to work with alumni and prospective students. It's kind of doing what we do now. **Hampton:** Our experience at K-State is about done, which is unfortunate, at least our undergrad experience. So just trying to live up the last few months and do our best to do what we can to end it strong.

#### Q: Can you share a funny story about the other ambassador?

**Guenther:** At a Lawrence event, Donnie and I were kind of wanting to make sure that the crowd was really excited to get to talk, because we're in Jayhawk country here. So we want to make sure they are pumped up and ready for us to talk to them about K-State. So I asked him to become Willie the Wildcat for a couple minutes and he did the "K-S-U" in front of the Lawrence group of alumni and students and I think that was really exciting to see. Donnie is such a people person so it was really easy for him to get people riled up for that.

Hampton: Looking at Ottawa, which ironically enough [is] Ashley's hometown, and so we went to her hometown event and her stomping ground, and her little [sister and] her family was there. [Her little sister] was trying to get recruited to K-State [because] she's a senior this year. I got to interact with the [family] and see her with her family and her little [sister] was so funny, hilarious making different comments and it was just great to be able to see that. Dr. Kirk Schulz, the [president] was there [and] our presentation had to be cut down a little bit that night. So we were just kind of speaking off the cuff and that was OK but it was an interesting thing and Ashley just rocked it out of the park. She was rocking it.

#### Q: What is your advice for the next set of ambassadors?

**Guenther**: I would honestly say I would encourage them to go to every recruiting or every alumni K-State event that they possibly can during their experience. There has never been an experience that Donnie and I haven't left with this increase [of] good feeling sense of pride in the school. We're just so passionate about what we got to do and I just really want them to take every opportunity and really just extend themselves and grow from the experience. It's been a tremendous growing opportunity for both of us; both in our leadership and public speaking skills, but also just to create this kind of new network in the K-State family and is something that I will definitely cherish vears down the road.

**Hampton:** Take the time to get to know each other. That's been something that I will always take away from this because honestly we have become — Ashley, I'll say it, you're one of my best friends. So, I really have enjoyed this experience being able to go through it with you. Getting to know each other a little more, it's made things way more fulfilling.

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## Painted 'Ville

#### Aggieville storefronts get homecoming makeover from K-State students

Photos by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN 1.) Courtney Harrington, sophomore in fine arts, paints the window of So Long Saloon Tuesday afternoon in Aggieville. Paint the 'Ville features homecoming pairings and organizations decorating business windows.

- 2.) **Laura Pavelka** (bottom left), sophomore in open option and Jesselyn Heide, sophomore in kinesiology, paint the corner of The Dusty Bookshelf Tuesday afternoon in Aggieville.
- 3.) **Theo Brooks**, (bottom middle) senior in arts and sciences, paints in detail at Threads in Aggieville.
- 4.) Members of Alpha Xi Delta, Beta Sigma Psi, Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Tau Delta (bottom right) paint in Aggieville Tuesday.



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You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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